

WASHINGTON, DC – Following the release of the report entitled “Campus Attacks: Targeted Violence Affecting Institutions of Higher Education,” by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, and U.S. Department of Education, Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott, Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, issued the following statement:

“In the three years since the tragedy at Virginia Tech, the annual number of incidences of violence on college campus has increased. This is unfortunate given that there is a wealth of information available to help college campuses prevent such violence and effectively respond in the event that it does occur. The Center to Advance Monitor and Preserve University Security (CAMPUS) Safety Act does just that. Identical bills under this title passed the House of Representatives unanimously in both the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses. Unfortunately, the bill lingered in the Senate in the 110<sup>th</sup>

Congress and did not pass and the current bill is on its way to incurring the same fate. It is my hope that this new report will convince my Senate colleagues to quickly act on this legislation.”

The report can be accessed online at: <http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/campus-attacks.pdf>

H.R. 748, the CAMPUS Safety Act will create a National Center for Campus Public Safety (the “Center”), which will be administered through the U.S. Department of Justice’s Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. The Center will train campus public safety agencies, encourage research to strengthen college safety and security, and serve as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of relevant campus public safety information.

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